

Canadian Order Independent Young Fellows Toronto Unit
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General Laws
OF THE
CANADIAN ORDER
OF
INDEPENDENT YOUNG FELLOWS,
TORONTO UNITY,

ESTABLISHED FOR THE MUTUAL INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL
IMPROVEMENT OF ITS MEMBERS,

AND THE
DIFFUSION AMONG THEM OF USEFUL KNOWLEDGE.

"Union, Friendship, Perseverance and Protection."

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TO THE YOUNG MEN OF CANADA.

RESPECTED CONTEMPORARIES:

The Constitution and General Laws of "the Canadian Order of Independent Young Fellows" now presented to your notice, we trust will be found worthy of your candid attention. The period of our lives selected as one qualification for membership, is replete with importance, interest and responsibility; it is not only a time of transition from early youth to the maturity of manhood, but during its fleeting years, our characters will become more decided, our habits, good or evil, more confirmed, and our hours of leisure either passed in unprofitable society and pursuits, or rightly improved, result in qualifying us for the stern realities and businesses of life; to unite then in active and powerful combination for our intellectual and moral improvement the opportunities of our leisure, and the love of companionship which pertains to this period of our lives, is the object of our order.

As members of the Institution, we have in all times and places a claim upon the attention, friendship and protection of each other, and in the meetings of its lodges can enjoy that social and intellectual intercourse which we hope will be mutually improving. But if instead of spending our leisure in the mixed society of the lodges, we desire to pursue our respective studies, and to cultivate our intellectual powers and peculiar tastes, with members of kindred minds, pursuits and prospects, we can retire to the classes, into which none can intrude but those whose official duty it is, to visit and watch over the progress and welfare of them and us.

Such are the privileges which our Order purposes to confer, and if to prevent imposition upon our pledges of mutual friendship and protection, or to prevent the standing harmony and usefulness of our meetings being endangered by the admission among us of improper characters, we adopt tests by which to recognize who are, and who are not our friends, we own we are liable to the charge of being a somewhat secret Institution; but, beyond these objects there is no more secrecy belonging to our Order, than such as affection in our respective family circles, or fidelity to our official duties and our employers, enjoin upon us,

as respects their private affairs, or business transactions; yet if these declarations will not satisfy parents or guardians, we candidly say to them, show by your offering premiums or prizes for our competition, by your donations of books or contributions to our funds, for the formation of libraries and reading rooms, and the obtaining philosophical apparatus, or show us by your lectures in our lodges or more private instructions in our classes, that you are really desirous to assist our efforts at mutual improvement, and you may be admitted as honorary members to the secrets of our Order, and to the privilege we all enjoy of withdrawing from it whenever you think proper.

Young men of Canada, let us not forget that we are hastening to take the place of our fathers on the great stage of life. A few more years, and they will bequeath to our charge the political and religious privileges, the commercial and trading interests, and all else that can elevate among the nations of the earth, the land of our birth or adoption, our beloved Canada.

If such then be our high destiny, a destiny from which only an early death can withhold us, let us be up and doing. With confidence, therefore, we now submit to your consideration, the Constitution and Laws of an Order which seeks to turn to our intellectual and moral improvement, the wide-spreading feeling in the community around us in favour of fellowship institutions.

"LET NO MAN DESPISE OUR YOUTH."

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*Lodge Room of the Order,
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GENERAL LAWS.

That this Institution shall be called "The Canadian Order of Independent Young Fellows," and be governed by an Annual Council, District Lodges and Subordinate Lodges.

That the objects of the Order shall be carried out by the members of Subordinate Lodges, respectively adopting and pursuing the following measures and conduct.

1. The formation of a library and reading room, or subscribing to public libraries, reading rooms or literary institutions, and purchasing philosophical and other apparatus.
2. The having a hall or room for the meetings and other purposes of the Lodge.
3. The holding meetings of the Lodge for the management of its internal and financial affairs, and for discussions, debates, lectures, readings and conversations on subjects comprised within the objects of the order.
4. The organization of classes for the mutual improvement of their members in any particular study, art, science, trade, business, manufacture, branch of knowledge, or for other useful purposes.
5. The obtaining gratuitously or otherwise, members of the order, or other persons, to give instructions, lectures, addresses or essays to the members of the lodge or its classes.
6. The mutual intellectual improvement of the members of the lodge, and the diffusion among them of useful knowledge.
7. The mutual encouragement and assistance of the members in the improvement of their leisure hours.

8. The mutual acquirement, and communication to each other, of useful and practical knowledge, connected with the particular pursuits and employment in life, which the members respectively follow or intend to pursue.

9. The mutual assistance of each other, and members of the order generally, by information, advice and influence, in obtaining situations and employment, and advancing their respective interests and well-doing in the world.

10. The fraternal reception of members of the Order who may be transient visitors, and by acts of attention, friendship and protection, making their stay among them as pleasing and advantageous as possible.

11. The visiting and attendance of members upon each other in times of sickness, calamity and difficulty, and in case of the removal of any member by death, following his remains to the grave.

12. The mutual exhibition by the members in all times, places and circumstances, of an ever ready willingness to assist each other in every laudable study, business, object and pursuit, and to protect their persons, characters, property and interests.

13. The acting towards each other in all their mutual transactions and intercourse with sincerity, faithfulness and integrity.

14. The mutual watchfulness by the members over each other's moral character and deportment; and when a member has unhappily departed from the path of rectitude and reputable conduct, to seek by kindness, persuasion and sympathy his reformation and return.

15. The mutual manifestation at all times, under the uneven tempers and infirmities of human nature, of a forgiving, forbearing, and reconcilable spirit, and of kind, persuasive and friendly prompt interference, to reconcile members unfortunately at variance with each other.

16. The union of action and energy, in every thing that can tend to the better qualification of the members of the Order, to discharge with credit and advantage to themselves, and benefit to the world, the duties of the various stations which in their maturer years Providence may call them to fill. The watchwords of each to be

UNION, FRIENDSHIP, PERSEVERANCE, AND PROTECTION.

The eighteenth day of March shall be annually commemorated by all Lodges, as the anniversary of the organization of the Order in the City of Toronto, in the year 1846.

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1. *Qualification for Membership*.—Young men of good moral character, not under the age of sixteen nor over the age of twenty-five years.

2. *Propositions for Membership*.—Must be made at a general meeting of the lodge, in writing, stating the name, residence, and employment of the person proposed, and if a majority of the members present shall by show of hands appear favourable to the reception of the proposition, the same shall be referred to a committee of two members, to be appointed, one by the presiding officer, and the other by the acting vice-president of the meeting, for investigation of the qualification, worthiness, and advisableness of admission of the Candidate, and such committee may require proof of age, character or other information. After each member of the committee shall have made his report, the admission or rejection of the candidate shall be decided by ballot at any general meeting of the lodge after six days from the proposition being received. If the candidate should not receive a majority of all the votes of the members present, or if five black balls appear against him, he shall be declared rejected, and shall not be allowed to be repropounded in any lodge until the expiration of three months after such rejection. Every proposition for membership must be accompanied with a payment to the secretary of the lodge of not less than two shillings and sixpence currency, to be repaid upon the rejection or initiation of a candidate, but not otherwise; and it shall then form part of the funds of the lodge, except in case of the withdrawal of a proposition previous to being ballotted for, when the same may be repaid if the lodge thinks proper.

3. *Honorary Members*.—Any subordinate lodge may admit, in the same manner as other members are admitted, any person over the age of twenty-five years to be an hon-

from his election, unless his initiation has been prevented by his sickness, travelling or other cause satisfactory to the lodge. Immediately before the initiation takes place the president shall state the name, age, residence, and occupation of the candidate, and if no valid objection be offered the service shall proceed; if otherwise, be suspended or a re-ballot take place. At any time previous to initiation of a candidate, on motion seconded, or on a private request accompanied with proof or reasons satisfactory to the president or the vice-presidents, a re-ballot for his admission must take place, and his admission or rejection be decided as when first ballotted for. Except honorary members, no member of one lodge can be at the same time a member of any other lodge of this Order.

7. *Title of Members*—Shall be "Friend" in all their intercourse with each other when only members of the Order are present.

8. *Laws*.—Every member shall purchase a copy of the general laws of the Order, and of the bye-laws of his lodge, and a certificate of membership, within one month after his initiation, or be liable to a fine, such purchase to be made from the secretary of his lodge.

9. *Name of Lodge*.—Each subordinate lodge (and also each district lodge) shall be distinguished by a number to be given at its opening by the District Lodge, and a name adopted at the same time by its members, subject to the approval or dis-allowance of the District Lodge. No two or more lodges in the same district shall bear the same name or number, and in case of a union of two or more lodges, or transfer of a lodge to another district having a lodge of the same name or number, the lodge shall adopt a new name and the district a new number in its charter.

10. *Officers*.—Of subordinate lodges shall be elected semi-annually, and consist of a president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, treasurer, two wardens, and an inside guardian, to be elected (after having been nominated at a previous general meeting of the lodge) by ballot,

by a majority of members, at a general meeting of the lodge, to be held during the last week in the months of February and August; and the newly elected officers to enter upon their offices at a general meeting of the lodge to be held in the first week of March and September, and continue in office until their respective successors are installed.

11. *Installation.*—The retiring president, or one of the retiring vice-presidents, shall install the officers elect of the lodge, and the president, or one of the vice-presidents of the lodge, can at any time after install any officers absent at the regular time for installation, and also those elected afterwards to fill vacant offices.

12. *Representatives.*—Each lodge shall, at the time of electing its officers in February and August, also elect by ballot (having been previously nominated at the time of the nomination of the officers) its representative or representatives, as the case may be, to the District Lodge for the ensuing six months.

13. *Qualification for Office.*—Any member of a lodge, before he can be elected to any of its offices, must have been a member of the Order two months, except at the opening of a new lodge. Any member of the Order may be elected a representative of a lodge.

14. *Duties of Officers.*—The president shall preside at all general meetings of the lodge; keep order during the meetings; shall not take part in any debate or discussion on any subject before the lodge, except he vacate temporarily his seat; shall carefully superintend the balloting, and declare the result; vote only when a casting vote is needful, and may give his reasons for such vote; never allow an illegal proposition or motion to be made or discussed, or any illegal subject to be introduced; direct the secretary what fines to charge; act impartially between the members; and call special meetings of the lodge, on being requested in writing by two officers and five other members of the lodge, or by its Executive Committee.

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16. *Secretary*.—At every general meeting of the lodge, the secretary shall read the minutes of the last meeting: call over the rolls of the officers, and record the names of those who are absent; read all communications received for the lodge; keep correct minutes of the meetings and the proceedings thereof, and bring all necessary business regularly before the meeting; notify in writing all members of their election to office; give notice to members of special meetings and meetings for half-yearly elections of officers, and of appointments on committees; and inform members affected by any particular decision or proceedings of the lodge, and conduct all lodge correspondence; make the quarterly returns to the District Lodge; and keep a correct list, to be always open for inspection at general meetings, of all the members of the lodge and of their residences and occupations; and transfer, at the termination of his office, all books and documents belonging to the lodge, in his hands, to his successor, or as the lodge may direct.

17. *Treasurer*.—Shall receive all monies belonging to the lodge, and all donations to its funds, and keep correct accounts thereof, and report quarterly to the lodge the state of its funds. He shall disburse, apply, retain and deposit all or any portion of the moneys in his hands, as the lodge shall from time to time direct, upon an order drawn and signed by the secretary and countersigned by the president or the vice-presidents, and such order shall be his discharge; and at the termination of his office pay over and deliver to his successor, or as the lodge shall order, all moneys, books, vouchers and accounts in his possession belonging to the lodge. Any lodge may require from its treasurer security, to be satisfactory to its president and one of the vice-

presidents, for the safe custody and right application of its funds, and the faithful discharge of his other duties.

18. *Wardens*—Shall have the charge of, and be answerable for, all the property of the lodge, and see that the same is properly taken care of, and always ready for use; shall assist the president in conducting the balloting, and be librarians to the lodge, unless it shall otherwise appoint; shall at all times, on the request of the secretary, (for which they may be remunerated by the lodge), serve personally or deliver at the residence of the party all summonses and notices; or the same may be posted when more convenient, but need not be pre-paid.

19. *Representative*—Shall attend the meetings of the District Lodge, to protect the rights and advance the interests of his constituents: present their memorials and communications, and be the medium of intercourse between them, or any of them, and the District Lodge; assist in the general administration of the affairs of the district, and from time to time make early reports to the lodge which he represents of the proceedings of the District Lodge, or any part of them, by which such lodge is or may be more particularly affected, except such portion of its proceedings as the District Lodge shall decide to be its private affairs.

20. *Executive Committee*.—The executive power of the lodge shall vest in an Executive Committee, to consist of all the elective officers of the lodge (except the wardens, guardian, and representatives) and five other members of the lodge elected at the same time, and with previous nomination, and ballotted for in the same manner as the other officers. The Executive Committee shall, at each of its meetings, elect its presiding officer, or elect a permanent chairman at its first or any other meeting. The secretary to the lodge to be always the secretary to the committee, unless he declines, or such committee appoints otherwise.

21. *Duties of the Executive Committee*—shall be to carry into effect the laws, regulations, and decisions of the lodge; to watch over the general conduct of its members; hear

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and determine and audit all matters or accounts referred to them; examine the quarterly returns, and quarterly or oftener inspect and audit the books and accounts of the lodge and its classes. They shall have the oversight of the classes and their libraries, and the library of the lodge, and individually or collectively shall, with or without notice, visit frequently all or any of the meetings of the classes; observe all improprieties and reprove the same to the presiding officer of the class, or report them to the general meetings of the committee or to the lodge; assist on request the classes in obtaining instructors; suggest improvements or alterations in the management of the classes and their libraries, and inspect their bye-laws, rules and regulations. Shall take away from such libraries, and the library of the lodge, for the examination and decision of the District Lodge, or suspend or prohibit the issue therefrom of any book they may consider improper, and its nature or tendency contrary to the objects of the Order or its laws; dissolve by order in writing any class that by mismanagement, the irregular attendance, neglect, or other conduct of its members, or from any other cause, does not accomplish the purpose for which it was formed, abuses its privileges, or acts contrary to the general laws and objects of the Order. That whenever the usual place of meeting of any class is, at an inconvenient distance from the residences of the majority of the executive committee, such committee may appoint one or more members of the Order (non-members of the class to be preferred) to execute their duties as visitors of classes, but without power to dissolve any class without previous report to, and authority in writing of the executive committee; such appointment of one or more deputies, shall not exonerate the executive committee from their imperative obligation, to execute whenever convenient their duties as visitors of classes.

22. *Committee on Privileges.*—The executive committee shall be also a committee on privileges, with the following duties:—

(1). To obtain for all or any number of the members of its lodge, or of any of its classes, upon terms more advantageous than non-members of the Order, admission to the privileges of any literary societies, mechanics' institutes, libraries and reading rooms or similar public institutions; exhibitions of the works and wonders of nature or art, inventions and discoveries, philosophical, literary or other lectures, and any other public opportunities of intellectual improvement not opposed to the objects or restrictions of the Order.

(2). To prepare annually in the fall, or other season, to be sanctioned by a majority of the members of the lodge (not on the committee) a list for the use of the lodge, of questions and subjects for debate, discussion, lectures, addresses, readings, essays, or other literary productions, and also rules, directions and regulations for the proper conducting debates and discussions, and the discharge of the duties of the presiding officer and of the speakers.

(3). To make arrangements for the delivery, gratuitously or not, of lectures by the series or otherwise, and of addresses, instructions or essays, during the winter or other months, to the members of the lodge, on subjects within the objects of the Order.

(4). To forbid at any time the commencement, or suspend or prohibit the continuance, of any discussion, debate, readings, lecture or series of lectures, before the lodge or any of its classes, which it considers objectionable, unprofitable or injurious to the harmony, character and usefulness of the lodge, class, or order, or contrary to its constitution, laws or objects.

(5). To devise and obtain opportunities of increasing, from time to time, the privileges and advantages of the members of the lodge, in every friendly, intellectual and other object of the Order, that these may be inducements to young men to become members, and the fear of deprivation from them, be an incentive to obedience to the laws of the Order and the zealously carrying out of its objects and principles.

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23. Meetings of the Lodge.—The meetings of the lodge shall be—

(1). The General Meetings to be held either weekly or semi-monthly, as the lodge may from time to time decide. At these meetings propositions for membership and the initiation of candidates shall take place, and the affairs and business of the lodge be transacted. None of the proceedings of these meetings shall be divulged to non-members of the Order, unless allowed by the by-laws, rules or regulations of the lodge, or the decision of the meeting, or the general laws of the Order.

(2). Meetings to be held at regular times or otherwise, for debates, discussions, lectures, readings, conversations, or other purposes and objects of the Order, not the business of the general meetings of the lodge. Any of these meetings may be open only to members of the Order; or non-members may be admitted gratis or otherwise, and with or without any mode of introduction, and generally, on such terms and in such manner, as the lodge or its executive committee may direct or permit. If open only to members of the Order, all or any part of their proceedings may be declared by any by-law, regulation or decision of the lodge, to be subject to the law against "divulging private affairs." The president of the lodge, one of the vice-presidents, or a chairman appointed by the meeting, and at its option, shall preside. A secretary shall be appointed at every meeting, who shall enter in a book to belong to the lodge the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting.

24. Publications.—No member of the Order shall publish, nor allow to be printed or published, any lecture, address, essay or literary production of his, delivered or read by or for him before any lodge or class; nor shall any lodge permit any such, delivered or read before it or any of its classes by or for any non-member of the Order, to be printed or published by its sanction or under its name or patronage, until permission has been obtained from the District Lodge, on the application of the executive committee, and the majority of the other members, at any general meeting of the lodge before which the same was delivered or read.

25. *Regalia*.—Every officer of a lodge shall wear his regalia at its general meetings, and the private members (if they wear any) only such decoration as the District Lodge shall direct or permit. All officers' regalia shall be purchased out of the funds of the lodge and be its property; but the private members shall provide at their own cost their decorations, the same to be in strict accordance with the patterns and directions given by the District Lodge. The regalia and decorations must not be of any party political colour, and those of the several lodges in a district need not be of one colour or kind, but those of each lodge must be similar. Officers' regalia may vary from those of private members, both in colour and kind.

26. *Vacating Offices*.—When any member of a lodge shall decline his nomination to any office, or after election refuse to serve, or being the only one nominated is on ballot rejected, or shall be absent at the time appointed for his installation without satisfactory reasons, or who after installation shall neglect or refuse to fulfil the duties of his office, or be absent three successive meetings without valid excuse, or shall at any time persist in misconducting himself in his office, or remove to a distance, or resign, a majority of the lodge present may declare his office vacant, and forthwith nominate, and elect and install a successor for the residue of his term of office. In the temporary absence of an officer during any meeting, the presiding officer may appoint any member of the lodge present to occupy the vacant seat *pro tem*.

27. *Non-attendance*.—Lodges shall fine those officers who do not attend to be installed, or who refuse to serve after election, or who after installation neglect or refuse to serve, or misconduct themselves in their office; and may also fine members for non-attendance at all or any of their meetings.

28. *Conduct of Members*.—Each member when present in any lodge, class, or other meeting of the Order, shall appear in a becoming manner, and in language and demeanor conduct himself with propriety, and at all times with the interests, credit, harmony and prosperity of the Order in

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29. *Divulging Private Affairs.*—Any member who shall make known any of the private affairs or proceedings of the Order, lodges or classes, or the name or remarks of any member who opposes or comments upon any proposition for membership, or the reasons of its rejection, to any person not a member of the Order, or who reports to any absent members any discussions or remarks made at any meeting of any lodge, executive or other committee, or class, or of the Order, calculated to excite angry feelings and enmity among members, shall be fined or expelled. Nevertheless, any lodge may, by its bye-laws, rules or decisions, exempt or suspend from the penalties of this law, the divulging any debates, discussions, affairs or proceedings it may think proper.

30. *Contributions.*—The regular contributions of each member to his lodge, shall not be less than three pence currency per week; but the majority of the executive committee, with the consent of a majority of the other members present at a general meeting of the lodge (after a previous notice of such proposal of alteration has been given by the secretary of the executive committee, at the next previous general meeting of the lodge), may from time to time increase or diminish the rate of such weekly contributions.

31. *Arrears.*—Any member, who at the half-yearly meeting for election of the officers of his lodge, shall be in arrear

more than eight weeks' contributions, fees, fines, levies and demands of his lodge, shall not be entitled to vote at such election, nor be eligible for election to, nor installation into any office, nor afterwards have any other rights or privileges than if he were only an honorary member of such lodge, and for one year only, until he shall pay up all his arrearages, and be reinstated a full member, by the vote by ballot of his lodge; and if on such ballot there shall not be a majority for his reinstatement, or five black balls against it, such decision shall expel him from the Order, and his claims upon, and interest in its funds and privileges be thenceforth forfeited.

32. *Funds*.—All moneys received or due as fees, fines, levies, contributions and donations to any lodge, or received for general laws, bye-laws and certificates of membership, or otherwise, shall form its general fund, and be at its absolute disposal, except donations, which shall be applied as far as practicable to the purposes intended by the donor, or be returned to him, or by his permission or direction, expressed or implied, be applied otherwise, and in default of such direction, or of opportunity of returning the donation, the same shall be at the disposal of the lodge. No decision of the lodge shall be come to, nor order given for the expenditure or payment from its general fund of any sum of money, nor for liabilities to be incurred on behalf of the lodge, exceeding two pounds currency, until the proposition for such expenditure or payment, or incurring such liability, has been made at two previous general meetings; and any order, motion or decision for payment or expenditure, or incurring liabilities of a less amount, may be rescinded at the next general meeting of the lodge, by a majority of its members present.

33. *Purchase of Laws*.—All subordinate lodges shall always purchase copies of general laws, initiation books, officers' regalia and certificates of membership, from the district lodge, unless such district lodge shall permit otherwise.

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have banners, flags and ornaments (not of any political or other party colour), but only such devices, mottoes or inscriptions thereon as the district lodge shall permit.

35. *Postages*.—All letters (not comprised in the duties of the wardens for delivery) passing by post between officers or committees and members of the Order, must be prepaid.

36. *Disputes, &c.*—Any disputes, disagreements, or questions of law or custom of the Order, arising in meetings of a lodge or class, may be referred to the executive committee of the lodge for decision or arrangement, with a right of appeal to the district lodge. Whenever the district lodge, or the executive committee of a lodge, is a party in any dispute, disagreement or question, the same may be referred by a lodge to the executive or any other committee of any other lodge. Members at variance should always refer the settlement of their mutual differences or disputed claims, to the arbitration or arrangement of some members or officers of the Order, and legal proceedings be a last resort.

37. *Committee of the whole*.—Any general meeting of a lodge may, upon the decision of a majority, adjourn, and resolve itself into a committee for the free discussion and conversing upon any subject or business before the lodge; on which occasions, the presiding officer shall vacate his seat, and the committee shall appoint a chairman, and after its proceedings are ended it shall rise and make its report, or not, to the resumed meeting of the lodge.

38. *Questions for Debates*.—Any member of a lodge may at any time hand in writing, to the secretary of the executive committee, for its use, adoption or rejection, questions and subjects for debates, discussions, lectures, addresses, essays or other literary productions.

39. *Conferences*.—Any lodge may at any time appoint a committee, or receive one, to hold conference with another lodge on subjects mutually interesting or important to both lodges; and such committee, on request of its lodge, must report.

40. *Inspection of Books*.—All books and documents, belonging to any lodge or class, shall be at all times open to the inspection of its respective members.

41. *Meeting in Taverns.*—Meetings of any district lodge, subordinate lodge or class, or of any committee or other meetings of the Order, shall not be held in any tavern or house where intoxicating beverages are sold, and if such meetings be so held, their proceedings shall be null and void, and not binding on any member of the Order, nor shall any fines be enforced on their officers or members for non-attendance.

42. *Attendance at other Lodges.*—A member of one lodge may attend the meetings of other lodges, without the right of voting or of interference in any way in their proceedings, but upon the request or by permission of the presiding officer, may express his sentiments on any subject before any of such lodges; and in case of being guilty of any illegal or improper conduct or language at such meetings, he shall immediately withdraw on the request of the presiding officer, and a report of such conduct be made to the lodge, of which he is a member, and he shall be dealt with by it as if the offence had been committed in any of its meetings, and the lodge in whose meeting the offence was committed, may at its option exclude the offender from any of its meetings during the ensuing three months.

43. *Libraries.*—Any lodge having established a library or reading room, may permit the use of the same to non-members of the lodge, and to persons not members of the Order, upon such terms and conditions as such lodge may think fit.

44. *Temperance Lodges.*—Any lodge may be organized on the principle of requiring from its members, on or before their initiation, signature to a pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages; and may fine, or suspend, or expel from its membership, but not from the Order, any of its members guilty by proof, or on his own confession or admission, of violating such pledge; but the lodge must grant him a clearance card, on payment of all its demands against him, or readmit him to membership, if it think proper, with no other ceremony than his re-signing the pledge. It shall be illegal for any member of a temperance lodge to

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45. *Political Discussions.*—It shall be illegal for any member of the Order to introduce, use, or engage in, any political discussions or proceedings, or any cards, dice, or games of chance, or any intoxicating beverages, or any smoking in any meetings of any lodges, classes, committees or other meetings whatsoever, of the Order, or introduce any religious discussion into any lodge or committee meetings.

46. *Quarterly Returns.*—Each Lodge shall make a return quarterly to its District Lodge, of the then number of its members; the names of those members who have been initiated, expelled, or re-admitted, and who have withdrawn during the previous quarter, and of those who have ceased to be members by their age qualification having terminated, distinguishing under each head the respective numbers of ordinary and honorary members. Also, of the number, date of organization and objects of the respective classes belonging to the lodge; the number of members in each class; and the date of the dissolution of any class, and the cause thereof; and such other information as the District Lodge may from time to time require.

47. *Members Removing.*—Any member removing to a distance, or desirous of transferring himself to any other lodge, or of resigning his membership in the Order, and having paid all demands of his lodge and classes against him, shall be entitled to receive from the Executive Committee of his lodge a card of clearance, drawn and signed by the secretary, and countersigned by the president or the vice presidents of his lodge; and upon presenting such clearance card, if he think proper, to the secretary of any other lodge, such secretary shall read the same at the next or other general meeting of such lodge, together with any certificates of character and standing in the Order presented therewith, and propose him for admission; and at the next or other

general meeting, the ballot for his admission shall take place in the same manner as for any other candidate; and, if the result be in his favour, he shall, without fee or re-initiation (unless the lodge require his re-initiation), be admitted a member of such lodge; and, if rejected, may present his clearance card to any other lodge for proposition, but must state the fact of such rejection; or may, without further proceedings than returning his clearance card, and satisfactory proof that he has been so rejected (or not having applied for admission into any other lodge, wishes to return to his former lodge), be re-instated a member of the lodge, on payment of a sum of money equal to the amount of what the dues and demands of the lodge against him during his withdrawal would have been, had he not so left; but after the expiration of two months from the date of any clearance card, no lodge shall receive it as the qualification for proposition or admission, but the individual must be proposed and admitted in every respect as if he had never been a member of the Order.

48. *Certificate of Character.*—Every member of the Order shall be entitled to receive, at any time or times, upon payment of a reasonable charge, to be fixed by the by-laws of the lodge, a certificate, drawn, signed and countersigned as clearance cards must be, of his general character and conduct and standing in the Order.

49. *Offences.*—Any member of the Order found guilty, on his own confession or admission, or by the report of any committee of his lodge (and such committee shall have power to summon, under fine, any member of the Order to appear before it and give evidence, and also to hear the evidence of non-members of the Order); and such report being adopted by one-third of the members (not members of the committee) present at any general meeting of his lodge—with a right of appeal to either its Executive Committee or the District Lodge—shall be fined or suspended, or expelled from the privileges and membership of the Order, for divulging the private affairs of the Order, or of any lodge or class—for immoral conduct; profane or im-

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50. *Mode of making a Charge.*—Any member of the Order may, personally or in writing, charge a member guilty of any of the offences mentioned in the last stated law, before the lodge to which the accused member belongs, and if present, the charge may be heard and decided by the lodge forthwith, unless he requests its postponement; but if absent, he shall have not less than five days' notice, served personally upon him, or left at his residence, or posted to his address, to appear before a committee of the lodge, and answer to the charge (nevertheless, if before the expiration of such notice, the accused member shall be present at a general meeting of the lodge, it may with his consent forth-

53. *Charges when to be made.*—It shall not be the duty of any member, to make any charge or statement to his lodge, affecting the moral conduct or character of another member, until he has privately, first alone, and afterwards, if needful, with one or more other members, sought by reproof, counsel and kindness, to warn, advise and reform the offending member; and such conduct (never to be misconstrued, nor met with recriminations, unfriendly feeling or language, or taken offensively), it shall be the imperative duty of every member to pursue towards an erring member; and if it prove ineffectual, or such member will not receive reproof or counsel, or if the charge be not such as affects the moral conduct or character of a member, it shall be forthwith brought before the lodge to be dealt with according to law.

54. *Charges not to be entered.*—Minutes relating to any charge or report before the lodge, its executive or other committee, or any of its classes, against the moral conduct or character of any member, shall not be entered in any books, but the same shall be so made, that upon his exculpation or re-admission the documents containing them may be destroyed, with all others relating thereto, and thenceforth any allusion, directly or indirectly, by name or otherwise, to the circumstance of such member having been charged and fined, suspended or expelled thereupon, shall be illegal.

55. *Re-admission.*—Any member who has been (except in cases of arrears) expelled, may upon his application for re-admission, made within three months after such expulsion, upon proof or admission satisfactory to the lodge, or any committee thereby appointed to investigate such application, that he is truly penitent, and promises amendment of his conduct, and to become a good member, and that his re-admission is advisable (the report of such committee, if any, appointed to this effect, being adopted by the majority of the other members of the lodge then present) be readmitted a member of the Order and lodge, by ballot, at any general meeting after the one at which such application has been made (such ballot to be the same as when a candidate is first admitted into the Order) on payment of such fine as the lodge

may impose upon him, but need not be re-initiated unless the lodge require it.

56. *Sick Committee*.—Every lodge shall appoint, quarterly, a sick visiting committee; and such committee, or the lodge, may at any time accept the voluntary services of any member of the Order, in forming a special committee, or comply as far as possible with any requests of the afflicted member or his immediate connections, in arranging or appointing a committee as consonant as possible with his feelings and wishes, expressed or supposed. In cases beyond a convenient distance from the quarterly committee, any class of the Order, or if more convenient, any members near the abode of the afflicted member, shall be, or appoint, or arrange with members volunteering or otherwise, a temporary deputy sick and visiting committee, with duties and authority similar to a quarterly committee of a lodge, to whom they shall report their formation and proceedings if necessary.

57. *Duties of a Sick Committee*.—Upon official or other satisfactory information of the sickness, or accidental bodily injury, of any member of a lodge, or sudden calamity befalling him, it shall be the duty of one or more members of its sick or visiting committee, to visit the afflicted member within twenty-four hours after receiving such information, and afterwards if necessary, to arrange with the other members of the committee or volunteer members, or others of any lodge, in compliance with the wishes of the afflicted member, or his immediate relatives or friends, or with his or their permission, for the visiting him by one or more members not less than once a day, and for attendance and watching during nights, if needful or requested, or at any other times, or for any other purposes that can manifest sympathy and attention to his necessities, or relieve the solitude of his hours. Should the afflicted member be at a distance from his home, it shall be the further duties of the committee to correspond early with his relatives and connections, if requested or needful, and to take charge, upon wish expressed or supposed, of his property or effects, and in case of death, to

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58. *Bye-laws.*—Each lodge shall make bye-laws, rules and regulations for the management of its own affairs, and may revoke and amend the same from time to time, and levy such fees, fines and assessments upon its members, as two-thirds of them, at any general meeting of the lodge, shall by show of hands think proper; but no such making, revocation, amendment or levy, shall take place until after a proposition to such effect in writing, has been previously given at two general meetings of the lodge.

59. *Premiums, &c.*—Any district lodge, and also the annual council or its committee, may offer (or accept donations for) premiums and prizes, to be competed for by members of the Order generally, or of any one or more subordinate lodges, or of one or more of their classes; and subordinate lodges may offer or accept donations for premiums or prizes, for competition by their members, or all or any of their classes (and any class for its members), for essays or other literary productions, and also for inventions, designs, plans, drawings, maps, displays of mechanical or scientific genius, excellence in workmanship, or proofs of advancement in the fine arts, horticultural productions or proficiency in any branches of learning, education, knowledge or manufactures, and any lodge may annually, or oftener, have exhibitions of the same, public or otherwise.

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Help us to help each other, LORD,
Each other's cross to bear !
Let each his friendly aid afford,
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Help us to build each other up,
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2. That each class shall be confined (except when a departure from this law would be evidently beneficial) to some particular study, art, science, manufacture, trade, business, branch of knowledge, or other distinct useful purpose; and to that only, or subjects connected therewith, shall the members of the class devote their time, reading, study, examinations, researches, experiments, enquiries, discussions, conversation, and attention during the meetings of the class, except meetings, or portions of meetings, necessary for the transaction of the general affairs of the class.

3. That classes may carry on correspondence with distant or other classes, formed for the same or similar objects, for the purpose of inviting and maintaining co-operation, or the diffusion of useful and practical knowledge, or seeking information on the subjects and purposes for which they were organised.

4. That any class may be organized on the principle of signature by its members, before admission, to a pledge of total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages; and may fine, suspend or expel any of its members from such class, who shall have violated the pledge; but it shall be optional with it, whether any members of the Order who have not signed, or have violated the pledge, may be introduced to any of its meetings. It may hold temperance meetings (public or otherwise), and distribute temperance publications in its neighbourhood.

5. That classes may be formed as bible classes, for the study, sale and distribution of the Holy Scriptures; also for the loaning

sale and distribution of religious tracts and books, and the formation of libraries of them, for the use of the members or other persons. Classes organized under this law, may solicit and receive donations for, and remit the same, to the funds of any parent or other bible societies, or religious tract and book societies, and hold meetings (public or otherwise) to advocate the claims of such institutions.

6. That classes may be formed of Sunday-school teachers and others, for the conducting public Sunday-schools in connection with any particular places of public worship, or of teachers and others for the establishment and carrying on of public Sunday-schools, for adult or juvenile scholars, unconnected with any places of public worship. Any of the classes organized under this law may have libraries attached to their Sunday-schools.

7. That classes may be formed for the organizing and conduct of choirs for places of public worship; and such classes (and also those formed for improvement in vocal and instrumental music) may always avail themselves, in their meetings for practice and in carrying out their objects, of the assistance of ladies, or any other non-members of the Order, desirous of cultivating their taste for the science of music.

8. That classes formed by virtue of the three last stated laws, may hold their meetings and effect their objects on Sundays, and have devotional exercises during their meetings.

9. That classes organized for improvement in vocal or instrumental music, and choir classes, may hold Union meetings for practice.

10. That Howard classes may be formed, for the visiting, with the consent of the public authorities, gaols and poor-houses, for distribution of the Scriptures, and the instruction, educational and religious, of juvenile and other inmates, by such means and at such times as the authorities may permit.

11. That classes may be formed to visit, during the season of open navigation, vessels, steam and canal boats, barges, wharves and emigrant sheds, for carrying on among sailors, boat and canal men and emigrants, the objects of bible and religious book and tract classes, and as far as practicable, Sunday-school and library classes.

12. That classes may be organized for the formation, sustaining and conducting township libraries, to contain books on various subjects of arts and sciences, and general literature. The members of such classes to elect quarterly, or half-yearly, a committee of five or more members, one of whom to be librarian; and such committee shall make laws and regulations for the issuing and circulation of the books; and such libraries shall be for the use of the members of the Order only, but if the majority of the class think proper, non-members may be admitted to the use thereof,

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13. That whenever any class requires to purchase books, apparatus or other articles, requisite to the carrying on of the objects of the class, such class may always request the Executive Committee of its Lodge to be its agent in procuring the same; and Executive Committees requiring, for their lodges or classes, to make such purchases, may request the Council Committee in Toronto to procure the same; and the privilege thus given to classes and lodges, any members of the Order may at all times avail themselves of, to obtain for their own private use any books calculated to diffuse among them useful knowledge. But no member of any Executive or Council Committee shall be required, in complying with this law, to incur any personal liabilities, or to execute any commission he disapproves of.

14. That classes may be formed as fire and property protection classes, the duties of the members to be, the assisting in the extinguishing fires in places where there are not any organized fire companies, or with their consent; also to watch from incendiarism the property of the members of the Order, or to remove and protect the same during fires, or the property of other persons when requested by them; but the time, mode, and conditions of these duties being performed, the by-laws and regulations of the class shall order, regulate, or recommend; when on duty at fires, the members of the class may wear some distinguishing decoration.

15. That each class shall receive propositions for membership, and admit or reject candidates, in the same manner as in a subordinate lodge, with the exception of reference of the proposition to a committee to report thereon (unless the class shall appoint one) and three having the same result as the five black balls on the ballot. Rejection by one class shall not disqualify for proposition and admission to any other class, and any member desirous of withdrawing from any class, may do so on payment of all demands of such class against him.

16. That any member of the Order may be a member of two or more classes, either of his own or any other lodge, but no person can be a member of any class, who is not a member of the Order.

17. That any lodge may authorize the formation of two or more classes for similar objects, and also senior and junior classes for members of different ages, or greater or less advancement in knowledge of the subjects of the classes.

18. That each class shall meet when and where a majority of its members shall from time to time think proper, and two thirds

of its members, by vote, or the same proportion of the Executive Committee, may at any time dissolve a class, and its property and effects shall in the latter case be at the disposal of the lodge to which such class belongs.

19. That the duration of a class may be permanent, or for the winter season, or any number of weeks or months, as will best effect the object for which it is formed.

20. That each class shall always cause to be exhibited, in some conspicuous place in the room of the meetings of its lodge, a notice in writing, stating the object of the class, its date of organization, the names of its members, and its usual place and time of meeting; and any class meeting at any other place or time, without giving previous notice of such change (unless prevented by some unavoidable circumstance) to one or more members (not members of such class) of the Executive Committee or its deputies, shall be liable to fine, and on repetition of such conduct to suspension or dissolution.

21. That each class shall at its meetings transact its own business only, and for the management of its affairs elect a monitor to be its presiding officer, who shall wear some distinguishing decoration, and a Secretary (or its monitor may act as secretary) to record and conduct its proceedings, and a guardian to attend to the door and exclude unqualified persons, and any other officers, and with such duties, as it shall think best calculated to attain the purposes for which it was organized.

22. That each class may obtain persons (members of the Order or not) gratuitously or otherwise, to give its members instruction, lectures, assistance and information, on all or any of the objects and purposes of such class.

23. That no member of the order, except members of the Executive Committee or its deputies, shall be allowed to be present at any meetings of a class, unless introduced by two members of the class, and with the approbation of a majority of its other members then present, but at any time during the meeting of the class such introduced member shall withdraw, when the monitor or any two other members of the class, or a visiting member of the Executive Committee, or one of its deputies, shall request him, no reason for such request to be required nor offence to be taken by it.

24. That each class shall make its own by-laws, rules, and regulations, and may revoke and amend the same, and also raise its own funds by fees, fines, and assessments on its own members, or by receiving donations, or by profits on any sale of books, but the same must not be contrary to the general laws of the Order, nor the by-laws, rules, or regulations of the lodge to which it belongs, nor be enforced or levied after the Executive Committee of its lodge, has in writing expressed its disapproval of them.

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25. That the funds of a class shall be at the absolute disposal of its members, and its Secretary or any other member may be the treasurer thereof. Donations shall always be applied, as far as practicable, in compliance with the wishes of the donor, expressed or implied, or be returned to him, and when circumstance prevent this, the donation shall be at the disposal of the class.

26. That whenever two or more lodges shall be so located, that a union of any two or more of their classes, or the union of any two or more classes belonging to the same lodge, would be beneficial, such classes may unite themselves, having previously obtained permission so to do, in case of their belonging to different lodges, from the Executive Committee of their respective lodges, or from the Executive Committee of their own lodge, if belonging to the same lodge; and such united classes shall be invested with all the privileges conferred upon separate classes by these laws, and shall be under the jurisdiction of the lodge whose class was first formed, unless the Executive Committee of such lodge, shall approve of any other lodge taking such united class into its jurisdiction.

27. That every class shall, by the decision by ballot of the majority of its members present, at any of its business meetings, or if three black balls appear on such ballot, fine, suspend, or expel from its privileges any of its members, for disorderly, interrupting, inattentive or negligent conduct, or neglect of official duties, or irregular or non attendance at its meetings, or using therein profane and improper language, or being intoxicated, or refusing to obey the by-laws, rules, and regulations, and officers or decisions of the class, or injuring its property, or for introducing and using in any of its meetings political discussions or proceedings, cards, dice, or any games of chance, or smoking, or any intoxicating beverages; but such suspension or expulsion shall not be ballotted upon until two days' previous notice of the motion having been made, or being intended to be made, for such suspension or expulsion, shall have been, by the Secretary of the class or the intended mover, given to or left at the usual abode of the accused member, or posted to his address, or he shall be present at the time of such motion being made, at any business meeting after the one at which the offence is charged to have been committed. Nevertheless, if such offender shall not, upon the request of the presiding officer of the class, or of any visiting member, or deputy of the Executive Committee, or of any two members of the class, immediately discontinue his disorderly, interrupting and inattentive conduct, or offensive language, or illegal proceedings, or withdraw from the meeting, he shall be subject to fine, and his behaviour reported at a future meeting of the class, the lodge or its Executive Committee; and although any member of a class shall feel himself aggrieved by any such request, he

must nevertheless immediately, and without reply or recrimination, withdraw, and afterwards appeal, if he thinks fit, to the lodge or its Executive Committee.

28. That any class, on satisfactory proof of his penitence, and the promise of better conduct and behaviour in future, may readmit with or without fine, by ballot in the same manner as when first admitted, any suspended or expelled member, at any future meeting of the class after the vote for such suspension or expulsion was taken; and until the motion for his re-admission has been carried, the offending member shall not be again admitted into any meeting of the class. The effect of a request to withdraw shall only be, to exclude an offender during the remainder of the then meeting of the class.

The following list is submitted to the attention and selection of lodges, as showing some of the numerous and diversified studies or useful objects, which members of similar studious habits, views, tastes, or feelings, may, by organizing themselves into classes and zealous co-operation, pursue for the benefit of themselves and their fellow men around them.

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1. *Officers.*—District Lodges shall consist of a District President, First and Second District Vice-presidents, District Secretary, District Treasurer, two District Wardens, and District Guardian, whose duties and authority shall be similar to those of officers in subordinate Lodges; together with Representatives elected by the lodges in the district. Lodges having less than fifty members, to elect one Representative, and above that number, two Representatives.

2. *Meetings.*—All District Lodges shall meet for the transaction of business and hearing appeals, during the first week in every month, and oftener if need be.

3. *Qualification of Officers.*—Only members of the Order who have served their full period of office as President of any Lodge, shall be eligible to be elected district officers, except at the formation of a new District Lodge; but the officers of a new District Lodge shall, after the expiration of their term of office, be ineligible for office in the District Lodge, until they shall have duly served the office of President in a subordinate Lodge.

4. *Election of Officers.*—The officers of a District Lodge shall be elected half-yearly during the first year of its formation, and afterwards be elected annually, unless the majority of the representatives present at the election of district officers, shall decide that the election then to take place shall be for six months only; and each officer shall hold office until his successor is installed.

5. *Mode of Election.*—The district officers shall be elected by the members of the District Lodge, by ballot, after nomination at a previous meeting of the District Lodge; but if any member nominated or elected shall decline to accept the office, or not attend to be installed without sufficient reason given, and in case of any resignation of office at any time, or removal to a distance, or repeated non-attendance or neglect, or misconduct in office, the Lodge may declare the office vacant, and a nomination and election of another member shall forthwith take place. Every officer shall be installed as soon as possible after his election.

either at the same or next general meeting of the Lodge, or a special meeting held for that purpose.

6. *Attendance of Non-members.*—No member of the Order, not a member of the District Lodge, shall be allowed to take any part in the proceedings of a District Lodge, and any such present at any of its meetings, must withdraw when requested by the presiding officer, on the decision of the Lodge.

7. *Opening New Lodges.*—A District Lodge shall have power, upon the application in writing (accompanied with certificates of age and character qualification, signed by two or more members of the Order or other satisfactory parties, and with the proposition fee of not less than two shillings and six-pence each, to be returned on rejection or initiation, but not otherwise, when it shall form part of the funds of the Lodge,) of not less than fifteen candidates for membership in the Order, to open any subordinate Lodge and grant its charter; and two or more of the District Lodge officers, one of them to be the District President, or a District Vice-president, shall always be present at the initiation of the candidates and the opening of the new Lodge, and install its officers, or such as are then present, the officers being elected by the initiated members of such new Lodge. The expenses attending district officers opening new Lodges, shall be paid out of the funds of the new Lodge. The district officers appointed to open a new Lodge, may appoint one or more presidents or ex-presidents of Lodges to be their deputy or deputies for that purpose. Applications to open a new Lodge shall always be made to the nearest District Lodge, except, under circumstances satisfactory to that Lodge, it shall permit otherwise.

8. *Representative.*—Each District Lodge shall elect its Representatives, in compliance with the summons of the Annual Council Committee. Any member of the Order may be a District Lodge Representative.

9. *Appeals.*—Each District Lodge shall be a committee of appeal for hearing and determining upon all matters referred to it by any of its subordinate lodges, its classes, or members.

10. *New Districts.*—That whenever any number of lodges are set off into a separate district, the officers of the oldest established lodge in the city, town, or village, having the greatest population, shall be officers of the new District Lodge until the installation of their successors; nevertheless the Annual Council Committee, with the consent of the majority of the lodges in the new district, shall have power at any time to change the location of any District Lodge.

11. *Proposition for set off.*—Before any number of lodges can apply to the District Lodge to be set off as another district, the proposition for such application must be made at two general meetings of each of such lodges, and at another general meet-

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12. *Suspension of a lodge.*—If any subordinate lodge, by reason of changes in the place and neighbourhood of its location, or the removal, or falling off of its members, or their neglect of its meetings and interests, or from any other circumstances, shall cease to be in a prosperous, useful, or hopeful state, its District Lodge, on the application of the remaining members, or by its own decision, may suspend the meetings of such lodge, or allow the union of the same with any other lodge, or dissolve such lodge, and annul its charter, and take possession of its books and effects; and any members of such lodge feeling aggrieved by such suspension, union, or dissolution, may appeal to every lodge in the same district, and the decision of the majority of them shall annul or confirm such suspension, union, or dissolution.

13. *Withdrawal of a lodge.*—Any District Lodge may, upon application in writing from any subordinate lodge, allow it to withdraw from its jurisdiction to be under another District Lodge, with its consent, and such District Lodge shall receive such subordinate lodge, and grant it a new charter.

14. *Returns.*—The District Lodge shall annually send, by its representatives to the Annual Council, a copy of each of the last received Quarterly Returns of the subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction, and also such other returns, documents, and information as the Council Committee shall require.

15. *Museums.*—District Lodges may organize museums for curious and interesting productions of nature or art, for the benefit of the members of the Order or others, and also purchase, or permit its subordinate lodges to purchase, philosophical and other scientific apparatus for the use of their members, and may also form a District Lodge Library, and have books for sale for the benefit of its subordinate lodges, classes, or members.

16. *By-Laws, &c.*—Each District Lodge shall make, and have power to revoke and amend, such by-laws, rules, and regulations for its own government, and to levy such fees, fines, and assessments upon its own members, and upon lodges under its jurisdiction, as it may deem requisite for its financial affairs, provided the same are in accordance with the objects of the Order, and not contrary to its constitution or general laws, and may withhold from any lodge in arrears to the District Lodge, the quarterly act or levies of its District Lodge, the quarterly act or levies of its District Lodge, may appeal to the Council Committee.

ANNUAL COUNCIL.

1. The Annual Council shall consist of representatives of District Lodges, who when assembled shall elect a president, secretary, and such other officers as it may think fit, and have authority to amend the constitution, and alter, repeal, and enact laws, and transact other business for the general government of the Order, and hear and determine appeals from District Lodges.

2. That the Annual Council shall yearly appoint a Council Committee, to consist of twelve members of the Order, eight of whom shall reside in the City of Toronto, or within seven miles of the City Hall, and one of such eight members shall be appointed secretary to the committee, and the same or any other member be appointed its corresponding secretary.

3. That the regular meetings of the committee shall be held quarterly, in the months of March, June, September, and December, in the City of Toronto, and special meetings, when necessary, may at any time be called by the secretary. The chairman shall be appointed at each meeting, or the committee may elect a member to fill that office permanently.

4. That it shall be the duty of the committee, until the first meeting of their successors, to carry into effect the general laws of the Order, the decisions and directions of the Annual Council, hear and determine appeals, and transact and give information upon any other business that may be referred to them, or connected with the affairs and good government of the Order, and for the faithful performance of these duties, the members of the committee at its first meeting (or any member at his first attendance) shall enter into mutual obligations.

5. That in case of the death, removal, resignation, or habitual neglect of duty, or non-attendance, of any member of the committee, the surviving or other members thereof may elect any member of the Order as a successor.

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7. That the Committee shall have the conduct and control of any periodical or newspaper, that may be established as the organ of the Order, for communication of official and other useful information connected with its general affairs and objects.

8. That it shall be the duty of the Committee, to devise and communicate, quarterly or oftener, to each president of subordinate lodges, through the medium of their respective District Lodge President or Secretary, some one or more tests by which members of the Order may recognize each other, and prevent impositions upon their obligations of mutual friendship, and non-members participating in the privileges of the order.

9. That the Committee shall furnish the District Lodges, or permit them to provide for themselves, such copies of the general laws of the Order, blank District Lodge and subordinate Lodge charters, and certificates of membership, as they may require.

10. That the Committee shall have the same power over the several districts, to levy fines and dues, as District Lodges have over subordinate Lodges, and any Lodge feeling aggrieved by its levies or decisions, may appeal to the Annual Council.

11. That until the first meeting of an Annual Council, and the appointment of its Committee, all the powers of such a Committee shall be exercised by the District Lodge established in the City of Toronto, and every other District Lodge in the Order shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Order to represent it in such Committee, until the Annual Council shall meet.

12. That it shall be the duty of the Committee, whenever requested by two-thirds of the subordinate Lodges in the Order, to appoint a time of meeting, in the City of Toronto, of the first

Annual Council, and to issue to each District Lodge a summons, to elect such a number of members of the Order to be its representatives in the Council, as such Committee, having regard to the aggregate number of members in all the Lodges subordinate to such District Lodge, shall consider will give to each District its fair proportion of representation. The first Annual Council not to consist of less than twenty representatives, nor to be summoned until after the anniversary of the Order, in March, 1848.

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